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Councilmember District 2



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Councilmember District 5
NANCY OJEDA
Councilmember District 6

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE AUGUST 14, 2017

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 14, 2017, and concluded said meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, beginning each evening at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following items of business:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, August 14, 2017. Members of Council present: Councilmembers Ojeda, J. Martin, K. Martin, Engelken, Leonard, and Earp. Absent: Councilmembers Zemanek and Kaminski. Also present were City Secretary Patrice Fogarty and City Manager Corby Alexander.
- 2. INVOCATION** – The invocation was given by Dee Spears, Fairmont Park Church.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Rigby.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to five minutes per person.)

Robert Britt, 730 S. Carroll St., addressed Council with concerns of high weeds/grass in his neighborhood and the need for sidewalks along Park St.

Drue Adams, 200 Crescent View St., addressed Council regarding the ownership of the 20-foot easement to the bay.

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA** (*All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.*)
 - (a)** Consider approval or other action regarding the minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 24, 2017 – P. Fogarty
 - (b)** Consider approval or other action regarding an Ordinance amending Chapter 70 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte by revising certain regulations related to establishment of school zones within the corporate limits of the City of La Porte – K. Adcox

Councilmember Engelken made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items pursuant to staff recommendations. Councilmember K. Martin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0. Councilmembers Zemanek and Kaminski were absent.**

Prior to council action, Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins read the caption of **Ordinance 2017-3681**: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING CERTAIN REGULATIONS RELATED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL ZONES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE TERMS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE FINDED IN A SUM NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Presentation for City of La Porte Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budget – M. Dolby

Finance Director Michael Dolby began the presentation by providing an overview of the budget.

Mayor Rigby proposed 9:00 p.m. as the time to recess each evening until business is concluded, and Council agreed.

Human Resources Manager Matt Hartleib presented information on the salary survey follow-up.

Fire Chief Mike Boaze presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for Fire Suppression and Fire Prevention.

Emergency Medical Services Chief Ray Nolen presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for Emergency Medical Services.

Police Chief Ken Adcox presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for the Police Department, including staffing options to increase the number of police officers by two.

Mayor Rigby asked if there are any objections to adding 2 officers and let City Manager Corby Alexander and Police Chief Adcox decide where to place the officers – either in patrol or as DOT officers. There were questions by Council regarding funding and placement; and the staffing item was brought back on Tuesday, August 15, for further discussion.

Golf Course Manager Alex Osmond presented the 2017- 2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for the Golf Course.

City Council recessed for a break at 7:37 p.m. and reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

City Manager Corby Alexander made note of a correction to the PD Alternative Funding slide that the Animal Shelter Donation Account needs to reflect \$33,000 and not \$43,000.

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the City Manager's Office.

Emergency Management Manager Kristin Gauthier presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for Emergency Management.

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for Community Investment.

Human Resources Manager Matt Hartleib presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for the Human Resources Department.

Municipal Court Judge Denise Mitrano presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for the Municipal Court.

IT Manager Grady Parker presented the 2017-2017 Fiscal Year proposed budget for Information Technology.

City Secretary Patrice Fogarty presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the City Secretary's Office.

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for Legal.

City Secretary Patrice Fogarty presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for City Council.

Finance Director Michael Dolby presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the Finance Department.

Director of Public Works, Don Pennell, presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for the Public Works Department, including the Street Division; Residential Solid Waste; Commercial Solid Waste; Water Production; Water Distribution; Wastewater Collection; Wastewater Treatment; Airport; La Porte Area Water Authority; and the Vehicle Maintenance and Replacement Funds.

Mayor Rigby requested City Manager Corby Alexander and Finance Director Michael Dolby bring back a cost analysis Tuesday night on costs to add 4 officers, 2 in Patrol and 2 in DOT for the La Porte Police Department.

The meeting was recessed at 8:55 p.m. to reconvene on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mayor Rigby reconvened the August 14, 2017, Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. Members of Council present: Councilmembers Engelken, Ojeda, J. Martin, K. Martin, and Earp. Absent: Councilmembers Leonard and Kaminski. Also present were City Secretary Patrice Fogarty and City Manager Corby Alexander.

Councilmember Zemanek arrived at 6:17 p.m.

City Manager Corby Alexander provided information requested from the August 14, meeting regarding a revised Fund Summary to add 4 new police officers, and Council further discussed this issue.

Councilmember Earp made a motion to authorize the Police Chief to hire 2 Patrol Officers and 1 DOT Officer. Councilmember Engelken seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED 5/2.**

Ayes:	Councilmembers Ojeda, Earp, Engelken, J. Martin and K. Martin
Nays:	Mayor Rigby and Zemanek
Absent:	Councilmembers Leonard and Kaminski

Parks and Recreation Director Rosalyn Epting presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for the Parks Department that included Parks Maintenance; Recreation; Special Services; and Administration.

Planning and Development Director Richard Mancilla presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for the Planning Department that included GIS and Inspections.

Human Resources Manager Matt Hartleib presented the proposed 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget for Liability and Employee Health Insurance.

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year proposed budget for Economic Development.

Parks and Recreation Director Rosalyn Epting presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the Hotel-Motel Fund.

There was discussion regarding the agreement between the City of La Porte and the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce.

City Manager Corby Alexander presented the 2017-2018 proposed Fiscal Year Budget for Capital Improvement Projects.

7. REPORTS

- (a) Receive report of the La Porte Development Corporation Board Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2017 – Councilmember Ojeda

Councilmember Engelken provided a report stemming from the August 14, 2017, La Porte Development Corporation Board Meeting.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS –

City Manager Corby Alexander commented work will begin for sidewalks on Park Street and advised Council he will contact Mr. Britt, who addressed Council on Monday night.

- 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS** regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information.

Councilmember Zemanek thanked Staff for their hard work on the presentation of the proposed Budget; Councilmember Engelken thanked Staff for their hard work on the presentation of the proposed budget; Councilmember Earp thanked Staff for their hard work on the presentation of the proposed budget; Councilmember Ojeda thanked Staff for their hard work on the presentation of the proposed budget and the department directors for hosting her and showing her around; Councilmember J. Martin thanked Staff for their hard work for the presentation of the proposed budget; Councilmember K. Martin thanked Staff for their hard work on the presentation of the proposed budget and commented she is looking forward to the upcoming projects and events; and Mayor Rigby thanked Staff for their hard work on the presentation of the proposed budget, and commented the Finance Department is recognized every year with the awards they continue to win for their hard work behind the scenes, which includes participation from all departments. He requested City Manager Corby Alexander follow up on the code violations on S. Carroll and the gate issue on Crescent View with Mr. Adams. He also expressed his thanks to Assistant City Manager Traci Leach for her services at the City of La Porte and wished her well on her future endeavors.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Councilmember Engelken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Councilmember J. Martin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0. Councilmembers Kaminski and Leonard were absent.**

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on September 11, 2017.

Mayor Louis R. Rigby